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Communication Re: Appeal

Application No.

10/750,238

Examiner

Scott Haugland

Applicant(s)

LEWIS ET AL.

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1. ☐ The Notice of Appeal filed on _____ is not acceptable because:
- (a) ☐ it was not timely filed.
 - (b) ☐ the statutory fee for filing the appeal was not submitted. See 37 CFR 41.20(b)(1).
 - (c) ☐ the appeal fee received on _____ was not timely filed.
 - (d) ☐ the submitted fee of \$_____ is insufficient. The appeal fee required by 37 CFR 41.20(b)(1) is \$_____.
 - (e) ☐ the appeal is not in compliance with 37 CFR 41.31(a)(1) in that no claim has been twice rejected.
 - (f) ☐ a Notice of Allowability, PTO-37, was mailed by the Office on _____.
2. ☐ The appeal brief filed on _____ is NOT acceptable for the reason(s) indicated below:
- (a) ☐ the brief and/or brief fee is untimely. See 37 CFR 41.37(a).
 - (b) ☐ the statutory fee for filing the brief has not been submitted. See 37 CFR 41.20(b)(2).
 - (c) ☐ the submitted brief fee of \$_____ is insufficient. The brief fee required by 37 CFR 41.20(b)(2) is \$_____.

The appeal in this application will be dismissed unless corrective action is taken to timely submit the brief and requisite fee. See 37 CFR 41.37(a)(1). Extensions of time may be obtained under 37 CFR 1.136(a). See 37 CFR 41.37(e).

3. ☒ The appeal in this application is DISMISSED because:
- (a) ☐ the statutory fee for filing the brief as required under 37 CFR 41.20(b)(2) was not timely submitted and the period for obtaining an extension of time to file the brief under 37 CFR 1.136(a) has expired.
 - (b) ☒ the brief was not timely filed and the period for obtaining an extension of time to file the brief under 37 CFR 1.136(a) has expired.
 - (c) ☐ a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114 was filed on _____.
 - (d) ☒ other: See Continuation Sheet.
4. ☒ Because of the dismissal of the appeal, this application:
- (a) ☒ is abandoned because there are no allowed claims.
 - (b) ☐ is before the examiner for final disposition because it contains allowed claims. Prosecution on the merits remains CLOSED.
 - (c) ☐ is before the examiner for consideration.


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Continuation of 3. (d) Other: On 4/16/07, Appellant was notified that the ground of rejection section did not state a grounds of rejection for each claim on appeal (See First Notification of Non-Compliant Appeal Brief) and was given a 1 month, extendable up to 6 month, time period to submit a reply. Appellant submitted a revised brief on 4/19/07, which was again found defective for the same reason (See Second Notification of Non-Compliant Appeal Brief f 7/26/07). Appellant was informed that the time period set in the 4/16/07 notification was still running. Appellant submitted another revised appeal brief on 8/9/07, which again did not state a grounds of rejection in section 6 for each claim on appeal. For example, in section 3 appellant states, "Applicants appeal the final rejection of claims 1-11, 14-23, and 25-40." But in section 6, claims 10 and 11 do not appear. Claims 10 and 11 were rejected in the final rejection under 35 USC 103 as being unpatentable over Formon et al. in view of Yamakawa et al. and further in view of Narita et al. However, this ground of rejection also does not appear in section 6. The time period for reply set in the 4/16/07 notification has expired and no extensions of time are available, therefore appeal is dismissed (37 CFR 41.37(d)). Since none of the claims are allowable, the application is abandoned.